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LE GRAND'S PATENT.

GEORGE, by the grace of God, &c., to all to whom these Presents shall come greeting.

WHEREAS our trusty and welbeloved THOMAS LE GRAND, of our City of London, Gentleman, hath by his petition humbly represented vnto vs that  
5 he hath, through great study and expence, found out and brought to perfection,  
“A NEW METHOD OR INVENTION FOR EFFECTUALLY PREVENTING THE SMOAKEING OF  
CHIMNEYS AND ALL INCONVENIENCES THAT HAPPEN THERETO, EITHER FROM WIND<sup>e</sup>,  
SUN, OR RAIN, BY CAUSING AN ATTRACTION OF SMOAKE,” which method being  
entirely new and different in all respects from any Invention that hath hitherto  
10 been found out or practised, the said James Le Grand hath humbly prayed vs  
to grant him our Royal Letters Patents for the sole vse and exercise of his  
said new Inven<sup>ç</sup>on, for the term of fourteen yeares, according to the Statute  
in such case made and provided, wee being willing to give encouragement to  
all arts and Inven<sup>ç</sup>ons which may for the publick vtility, are graciously pleased  
15 to gratify him in his request.

KNOW YEE, THEREFORE, that wee, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer mo<sup>ç</sup>on, have given and granted, and by these Presents for vs, our heires and successors, do give and grant vnto the said Jame Le Grand, his executors, administ<sup>r</sup>, and assigns, especial lycence, full power, sole  
20 priviledge, and authority, that he, the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, by himself or themselves, or by his or their deputy and deputies, servant<sup>e</sup> or agent<sup>e</sup>, or such others as the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, or assignes, shall at any



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time agree with, and no others, from time to time, during the term of yeares herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, vse, exercise, and vend his said new Invençon for effectually preventing the smoaking of chimneys and all inconveniences that happen thereto, as above described, within that part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and 5 Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, in such manner as to him, the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, or any of them shall in their discretions seem meet; and that he, the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, shall and lawfully may have and enioy the whole profit, benefit, comōdity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, 10 accrewing, and ariseing by reason of the said Invençon, for and during the term of years herein mençoned; to have, hold, exercise and enioy the said lycence, powers, priviledges, and advantages herein-before granted or mençoned to be granted vnto the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, for and during and vnto the full end and term of fourteen years from 15 the date of these Presents next and imēdiately ensuing and fully to be compleat and ended, according to the Statute in such case made and provided. And to the end that the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, may have and enioy the full benefit and the sole vse and exercise of the said Invençon according to our gracious intençon 20 herein-before declared, wee do by these Presents, for vs, our heirs and successors, require and strictly comānd all and every person and persons, bodies politick and corporate, and all other our subiect<sup>e</sup> whatsoever, of what estate, quality, or degree, name or condiçon soever they be, within that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town 25 of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, that neither they or any of them, at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years hereby granted, either directly or indirectly do make, vse, or put in practice the said Invençon, or any part of the same, so attained vnto by the said James Le Grand as aforesaid, nor in any wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the 30 same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addition thereunto or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himselfe, or themselves the inventor or inventors, deviser or devisors thereof, without the lycence, consent, or agreement of the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, or assignes, in writing vnder his or their hand<sup>e</sup> and seales first had and obtained 35 in that behalfe, vpon such paines and penalties as can or may be iustly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this our royal command, and further to be answerable to the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, according to law, for his and their damages thereby



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occasioned. And, moreover, wee doe by these Present<sup>e</sup>, for vs, our heires and successors, will and comānd all and singular the justices of the peace, mayors, sheriffs, bayliffs, constables, and headboroughs, and all other officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires and successors, for the time being,  
5 that they or any of them do not nor shall at any time hereafter during the said term hereby granted, in any wise molest, trouble, or hinder the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, or assignes, or any of them, or his or their deputies, servants, or agent<sup>e</sup>, in or about the due and lawful vse, or exercise of the aforesaid Inven<sup>ti</sup>on, or any thing relating thereto:  
10 Provided always, and these our Letters Patents are and shall be vpon this condi<sup>ti</sup>on, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall be made appear to vs, our heires or successors, or any six or more of our or their Privy Council, that this our grant is contrary to law, or preiudicial: or inconvenient to our subiects in generall, or that the said Invention is not  
15 a new invention as to the publick vse and exercise thereof, in that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, and not invented and found out by the said James Le Grand as aforesaid, then vpon significa<sup>ti</sup>on or declaration thereof, to be made by vs, our heires or successors, vnder our their signet or  
20 privy seal, or by the Lord<sup>e</sup> and others of our or their Privy Councill, or any six or more of them, vnder their hand<sup>e</sup>, these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> shall forthwith cease, determine, and be vtterly voyd, to all intent<sup>e</sup> and purposes, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: Provided also, that these our Letters Patents, or anything herein contained,  
25 shall not extend or be construed to extend to give priviledge vnto the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, or assignes, or any of them, to vse or imitate any inven<sup>ti</sup>on or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of our subiects whatsoever, and publickly vsed or exercised in that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called  
30 England, our Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, vnto whom like Letters Patents or priviledges have been already granted, for the sole vse, exercise, and benefit thereof, it being our and pleasure that the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and all and every other person and persons to whom like Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> or priviledges have  
35 been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly vse and practise their severall Inventions by them invented and found out, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective Letters Patents and of these Presents: Provided likewise, nevertheless, and these our Letters Patents are vpon this express condi<sup>ti</sup>on, that if the said James Le Grand, his executors or admini-



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strators, or any person or persons which shall or may at any time or times, hereafter during the continuance of this grant, have or claim any right, title, or interest in law or equity in or to the power, priviledge and authority of the sole vse and benefit of the said Invençon hereby granted, shall make any transferr or assignment, or any pretended transferr or assignment, of the 5 said liberty and priviledge, or any share or shares of the benefit or profit thereof, or shall declare any trust thereof to or for any number of persons exceeding the number of five, or shall open or cause to be opened any book or books for publick subscripçons, to be made by any number of persons exceeding the number of five, in order to the raising any sume 10 or sumes of money vnder pretence of carrying on the said liberty or priviledge hereby granted, or shall by him or themselves, or his or their agent<sup>l</sup> or servants, receive any sume or sumes of money whatsoever of any number of persons exceeding in the whole the number of five, for such or the like intents or purposes, or shall presume to act as a corporate body, or shall 15 divide the benefit of these our Letters Patents, or the liberty and priviledges hereby by vs granted into any number of shares exceeding the number of five, or shall comit or do or procure to be comitted or done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, during such time as such person shall have any right or title, either in law or equity, in or to the said pmisses, which will be contrary 20 to the true intent and meaning of a certain Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of our reign, (entituled ( An Act for the better securing certain Powers and Priviledges intended to be granted by His Maiestie by Two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money vpon Bottomry, and for restraining severall extravagant and vnwarrantable 25 Practices therein mençoned) if these our Letters Patents had not been granted, or in case the said power, priviledge, or authority shall at any time hereafter become vested in or in trust for more than the number of five persons or their representatives at any one time (reckoning executors or administrators as and for the single person whom they represent, as to such interest as they are or 30 shall be intituled to in right of such their testator or intestate), that then and in any of the said cases, these our Letters Patents and all liberties, priviledges and advantages whatsoever hereby granted shall vtterly cease, determine, and become void, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And lastly, wee by these Presents, for vs, our heires 35 and successors, grant vnto the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators and assignes, that these our Letters Patent<sup>l</sup> or the inrollment or exemplificaçon thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and

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shall be taken, construed, and adiudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense, for the best advantage of the said James Le Grand, his executors, administrators and assignes, aswell in all our Court℄ of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires  
5 and successors, in that said part of our said Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, and amongst all and every the subiect℄ of vs, our heires and successors whatsoever and wheresoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain describing the nature or quality of the said Invençon, or of the materialls thereto conducing  
10 and belonging.

In witness, &c. Witness our self at Westminster the One-and-thirtieth day of May.

By Writt of Privy Seal.

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